

MYSTERY OF SUICIDE DEEPENS WOMAN IN CASE DISAPPEARS

Police Decide to Hold Inquest On the Tangle

Officers Want to Clear Up Unanswered Questions

(From Monday's Advertiser.)
Sensational developments followed upon the first hurried investigation by the police of the death of James Augustus Barton, the young druggist, whose dead body was found by his sweetheart, Miss Charlotte Huse, in his room at the Vida Villa, Saturday night. A number of questions in connection with the case still remain to be answered.

The first of these is the whereabouts of Miss Huse. The second, which may be cleared up when the tiny vial, found near the body, is given to a chemist, and the few drops left of its former contents analyzed. The third factor of the case, which is puzzling the police, is the appearance of Miss Huse in the room of the young druggist at the time the body was discovered. These and additional circumstances surrounding the death led Deputy Sheriff Rose yesterday to decide upon an inquest, which will be held this evening at the police station.

The whereabouts of Miss Huse, the woman in the case, is unknown even to some of the most intimate of her friends. She was taken from the home of Mrs. Newell, King street, near Pili, where she was boarding, almost immediately after she herself discovered the dead body of her lover at the Vida Villa. Word that she was going to the Hawaiian Hotel was left behind, but so far as known, she never entered the doors of that hostelry. She was in a hysterical condition, and several of her friends took charge of her, intending to remove her to a scene less intimately connected with the suicide of young Barton than the district in which she was living. These friends left word of the intended visit to the Hawaiian. She was not at any of the other hotels in city last night.

Besides the letter which Barton left for Miss Huse, which added such a pitiful touch to the tragedy, he also wrote one to his brother, J. R. T. Barton, and one to Benson, Smith & Co., where he was employed.

Both were taken in charge Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Rose and the former was delivered yesterday. Mr. Barton, however, has not made it public and discussing it with friends yesterday was reticent as to its contents. It is believed that it bears out the story of a disappointed infatuation so plainly to be inferred from the note to Miss Huse.

Discovers Body.

It has now developed that Miss Huse discovered the body first. Her scream as she rushed from his room in an annex in the rear was the first intimation the other boarders had of the tragedy that had been enacted so close to them. Miss Huse ran over to the main house calling wildly for a "trailed nurse, a doctor, quick," and her cries brought Secretary Kirk Porter to the scene of death, also a boarder, to the scene. He saw that Barton was beyond earthly assistance and telephoned for the police at once.

Until Miss Huse is found it cannot be learned how she came to enter the room at that time and it is possible that Barton had contrived to have word sent to her to call. The fact that he had left the note for her on his own table and that he plainly intended it for no other eyes than hers indicates that he anticipated a visit from her.

A Useful Act.

If young Barton decided upon suicide as the only cure he saw for a wounded heart, his death was a ghastly mistake, say those who know the young woman's mind. "I hope you and the damn Dago will be happy," the biting phrase in the hastily scrawled note which he left beside his debilitated, indicates, say those, nothing more than an unfounded jealousy.

"If he had spoken to me before he did it, he would never have killed himself," said Mrs. Newell, with whom Miss Huse boarded, last night. "There was a child's love. He was wildly infatuated with her; in love with her, in fact, from the very first moment he first saw her seven months ago at the Vida Villa. I did not see much of them together, but he often came here and sat on the steps with us. He was a splendid boy, clean and manly. I think his death is one of the most pitiful things I ever heard of."

Barton and Miss Huse were seen so frequently together that it became a matter of remark and their marriage was freely predicted. At no time did their relations appear strained or sufficiently so to cause any impression that the man's mind had reached a stage where he looked with relief on death.

They nearly always traveled together on the cars to and from lunch and were frequently seen walking through Thomas Square in the late afternoon, after both were through the work of the day.

Miss Huse was employed at the Singer Sewing Machine Company, 129 South Hotel street, only a few doors from Benson, Smith & Co., where Barton worked. He was stock clerk, having worked in that capacity for eighteen months, giving the most complete satisfaction, according to George W. Smith last night.

There was nothing, in short, even to

the last moment of the man's life, that led his associates to believe that his course of true love was running anything but smoothly.

The Secret.
That things had gone other wise with him, or that he thought they had, however, he made only too plain in his letter to the girl. Not only is that borne out by his bitter reference to "the Dago" but in another sentence where he said, "You are now the only one alive who knows our secret."

What that secret was will probably never be known unless Miss Huse consents to divulge it at the inquest to night, when she will undoubtedly be questioned regarding it, always presuming, of course, that she can be located by that time.

Speculation as to whom was meant by Barton's scathing reference to another man in the case was rife yesterday and the name of a prominent business man was connected with the case but no foundation could be found for what was in every way a rumor. Miss Huse is a Boston girl and an orphan, her mother having died three years ago. She came here directly from the East not more than seven or eight months ago, and after several weeks spent at the Young Hotel, took up her residence with Mrs. Newell, where she has remained ever since.

Barton a Texan.
Young Barton was a Texan, born at Overton in that State, the son of Dr. Augustus W. Barton of Kentucky. He had a quick and impetuous temperament which was displayed on frequent occasions but seldom unpleasantly. As one of the witnesses of the Johnson auto smash-up, he impressed himself upon the members of the police force. He was twenty-five years of age. His brother, J. R. T. Barton, is connected with the office staff at the local naval station. He took full charge of the affairs of the dead man yesterday and of such property as he had left, which included a check for \$106.40 made out to his brother just before the suicide.

The funeral will take place this afternoon from the Williams undertaking parlors.

Looking for the Poison.

The question which the police are now trying to clear up for the sake of record, is what poison Barton used. When found, the body was lying on the bed in a composed position, the arms by the side, the head back on the pillow and the face in repose. It could not have been poison which causes a death preceded by convulsions. His coat, collar and shoes were off, the former lying across his feet.

On the underside of the pillow were several spots of blood as if he had vomited there and then carefully turned the pillow over so it would not show. This and the fact that the only bottle which seems to have contained the poison was out of reach, testify against cyanide, which, were it not for this, would undoubtedly be ascribed. Dr. A. G. Hodgins, who was called in, could find no burns in the mouth or elsewhere. The only bottle of anything that could be called poison could not have been used, in his estimation, as not enough had been drawn from it to cause death.

Deputy Sheriff Rose is going to have the drop of whisky found in the little bottle analyzed for traces of poison and this may settle the question.

GOOD NEWS

Many Honolulu Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

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GENERAL OROZCO TO CONCENTRATE FORCES

JIMINEZ, April 6.—General Orozco will concentrate his forces here probably and fight a battle near Escalon. The loss of footing at the Parral battle amounted to \$400,000.

STRIKERS STAY OUT.

SEDALIA, Missouri, April 8.—The striking shopmen of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad have refused to go to work with the line on the basis on the proposal made some days ago.

SCHOOLEY MURDER STILL A MYSTERY

Story Told by Half-Breed Woman Falls Through When Probed by Police.

(From Monday's Advertiser.)
That the investigation into the death of Sergeant Elmer E. Schooley of the coast artillery upon information supplied by a half-Japanese woman, has fallen through, is the inference to be gained from the discharge by the police of the two suspects, "Humpty" Ah Yum and Manuel Lopes. Schooley's body was picked out of the Nuuanu stream last November.

Chief McDuffie worked two weeks on the case, during which considerable more evidence was secured, but none of this backed up the statement which the girl claims Lopes made to her, that he and Ah Yum had murdered Schooley in an automobile and thrown his body into the river.

As was to be expected, this was flatly denied by both the men implicated. Lopes admitted that he might have said it, had he been drunk, but that it wasn't true. The one relative fact discovered by the police was that Schooley was practically penniless the night before his death and for some time previously. This practically disproves the statement which the girl puts in the mouth of Lopes, that Ah Yum was buying all his clothes with money stolen from the dead man.

After a conference with the army paymaster, the chief obtained a memorandum of Schooley's pay and remittances. He had no large sum coming to him, and had sent off a good portion of his wages by money order to a relative on the Coast. This again militates against one assertion made on the street that Schooley had received remittances from home. The banks assisted the chief as much as they were able, and it has practically been ascertained that the soldier had no large sum of money at that time.

Seen Drunk.

The most important evidence obtained from R. J. Werndt, formerly employed at Watertown, and now on the other islands. Werndt's evidence was secured by accident. He says in a signed statement in the chief's possession that he and several others were some time on the night which he thought was two days before the soldier's death, but which has been satisfactorily proved to have been the night before. Schooley bought several rounds of drinks, but did not seem to have any too much money. On the last round, indeed, he had not enough to pay and one of the others had to dig up. He was so drunk when he was through, says Werndt, that he started home in the wrong direction. After being set straight, he went to a Chinese boarding tenement and obtained a room. When Werndt, who was with him, waked up the next morning he found his companion gone, and believes that he wandered out during the night and fell over the parapet of the Nuuanu stream.

In discharging Ah Yum and Lopes, however, the police do not indicate their belief that the two men are innocent of the crime. Indeed they are still unwilling to admit that the girl's story of her conversation with Lopes following a beating given her by Ah Yum, is entirely without foundation. They have been compelled, however, to reach the conclusion that her word is all the evidence they have pointing against the men, and that consequently the case against them would have been worthless in court. The investigation is still proceeding.

FOURTEENTH ORDERED TO MEXICAN LINE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The Fourteenth Cavalry reached here yesterday afternoon and will leave today for the Mexican border, where soldiers are badly wanted to patrol the line and protect American property rights.

JOHNSON SIGNS UP WITH JACK FLYNN

CHICAGO, April 8.—Jack Johnson, the champion heavyweight fighter, yesterday signed articles for a fight with Jack Flynn, at Los Angeles, July fourth next.

FINANCIAL TROUBLES TANGLE FEET OF CHINESE REPUBLIC

SHANGHAI, April 8.—Financial troubles are tripping the feet of the Chinese republic. The situation in the southern provinces is steadily growing graver, although it is reported that there is no likelihood of an antiforeign outbreak.

It was announced here last night that the Premier and the cabinet will go to Peking, Thursday morning, to consult over the financial situation. The demands of the unpaid troops in the interior are becoming insistent, following the publication of the announcement that the four power loan had fallen through. In the south this trouble is looming larger than elsewhere as the dissatisfaction there is greater.

The unpaid soldiers are blaming the foreign bankers for the failure to receive their money. It is openly stated that the representatives of the four nations, with which Tang Shao Yi was negotiating for a loan of a million

JUDGE DOLE MAY HEAD CONVENTION

Name Suggested as Permanent Chairman—Rivenburgh Calls Link's Methods Rotten.

Judge Sanford B. Dole, who will sit in the Republican convention as a member from the ninth of the fourth, is being considered by the Kuhio and Taft League forces for chairman. Kuhio leaders yesterday discussed the chairmanship informally, and the name of Judge Dole was frequently mentioned.

The selection of the judge was first suggested for the temporary chairmanship, but there is a possibility that he may be chosen for the permanent chairmanship instead. Both sides consider the judge a man above reproach, one in whom both factions have confidence, and one who would regard the office as above political scheming.

Sam Kellinui was under consideration sometime ago for chairman of the convention, but developments since Saturday have created a change in this regard, and an Oahu man will undoubtedly be chosen. Both factions claim that the primaries gave them a victory Saturday. The Taft Leagueers in analyzing the returns have picked out the delegations which they firmly believe give them a control in the convention. J. P. Cooke was as firmly convinced of this yesterday as he was Saturday night. A. L. C. Atkinson smiles when his opinion is asked.

In all probability neither side is as confident as both appear and will not be certain until next Saturday or Monday, when some intimation of the control will be gained by scanning the list of proxies. All the delegates elected will not sit in the convention. Proxies will form an important feature of the strength of each faction, more even than straight delegations of known strength and purpose.

Ballot Question Up.

The question of whether an open or secret ballot shall be used in the convention has not yet been deeply considered by either side. Mr. Atkinson rather favors the secret ballot. In his opinion any effort to have a secret ballot prevail next Monday will be defeated just as the same suggestion has been defeated in all previous conventions. "I believe the secret ballot gives a freer expression of opinion than the open ballot," said the Kuhio manager. "It is for the same reason that the secret ballot at election gives opportunity for a freer expression than by the other method."

J. P. Cooke said the matter had not been considered by him and he was not prepared to be quoted on the question.

Rivenburgh Says "Rotten."

"The primaries were conducted in a rotten manner," says B. G. Rivenburgh, manager of the McCarthy Democratic campaign. "It was McCallless money, booze, autos and hacks which won the day. We had little or no money, and probably did not expend more than \$30 and that principally for an interpreter. In one precinct McCallless runners picked up a crowd of Hawaiians who had voted at the Republican primaries and voted them in. That was a sample of the methods used."

On the floor of the Democratic convention the McCarthyites expect to convince a majority of the delegates that the plan to postpone the selection of a nominee for delegate to congress should prevail.

"We are not so down in the mouth as some of the McCallless faction would wish the public to believe," said B. G. Rivenburgh, a McCarthy manager yesterday. "In the precinct meetings we did not have much opportunity to explain the plan, as the meetings were generally filled with McCallless runners. I believe that when the delegates hear what we have to say, they will take our view of the matter, although they might be McCallless men."

Couldn't Find Keyhole.

"J. P. Cooke, I believe, said, he had the key to the situation," says Jack Atkinson, "but Saturday it looked as if he couldn't find the keyhole."

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THIRTY THOUSAND HOMELESS HUNDREDS FLOOD PRISONERS

BLAZING STEAMER DRIVEN AGROUND

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, April 8.—Word has just reached here that the Merchant's and Miner's Steam Navigation Company steamer Ontario, Captain March, was driven aground in order to save the lives of her crew and passengers when fire was discovered in her hold last night. The vessel was grounded near Montauk Point, the eastern extremity of Long Island. Fire is reported to have broken out in the hold of the Ontario, just after she left Boston on her regular trip south. She was ablaze fore and aft when the shore was finally reached, and fire was spouting through her decks. The passengers leaped from her decks into the water, and were picked up by the life savers, who had been rushed from Siasconnet and Quogue to the rescue. By the time all were landed the flames had enveloped the vessel.

THIRD BATTALION OF 15TH GOES TO CHINA

More Troops From Manila to the Scene of Trouble by Transport Warren.

MANILA, March 8.—In response to a cabled request from Minister Calhoun at Peking, China, received, Wednesday, Major General Bell has ordered the transport Warren prepared for the transportation of the third battalion of the fifteenth infantry and the regimental headquarters and band of the regiment to Taku, China. The troops are to be embarked Saturday of this week and the vessel will sail the same evening or Sunday morning.

The third battalion, consisting of companies I, K, L and M, stationed at Fort William McKinley, is now 432 strong and, including the band and headquarters of the regiment, the total number of officers and men who will embark on the Warren is approximately 500. This is about the same number as that of the first expedition which left Manila on January 10 on board the transport Logan.

The present expedition goes under the command of Lieut.-Col. Edwin A. Root, the senior officer present with the regiment. Upon arrival in China, Colonel Root will assume command of all the American troops in that country. Col. Frank B. Jones of the Fifteenth is still in the United States recovering from an accident in which he suffered a broken leg, which occurred just before his regiment sailed for the Philippines in December.

The transport pier presented a busy scene this morning as large quantities of quartermaster and commissary stores were being transported there in preparation for the loading of the Warren. Rations for 100 days will be taken by the present expedition and a quantity of stores will also be shipped north on the transport for the use of the troops already in China. The companies of the Fifteenth have been prepared at all times for a hasty embarkation and very little extra work will be necessary before they are ready to board the Warren.

The men of the Fifteenth are already supplied with heavy winter clothing and overcoats and there will be no delay in connection with the equipping of the battalion for field service in a cold country. No wagons or automobiles will be taken with the present expedition as those sent with Major Arrasmith's first battalion will be sufficient for all the troops.

Among the officers who will accompany the force on the Warren are the following: Lieutenant Colonel Edwin A. Root, 15th infantry, commanding; Captain Garrison McCaskey, regimental adjutant; Captain Leon L. Roach, regimental quartermaster; Captain Bryan Conrad, regimental commissary; Captain Frank M. Savage, commanding the battalion; Captain Charles H. Bridges, commanding company K; First Lieutenant Owen A. Seaman, commanding company L; First Lieutenant Jesse D. Elliott, battalion adjutant; and First Lieutenant James C. Drain.

The war department has authorized the American Minister at Peking, Mr. Calhoun, to call upon the division commander of the Philippines for 1,200 infantrymen and such auxiliary troops as may be necessary. This number includes the 500 already in China, and with the 500 which are to go on the Warren there will be about 1000 American soldiers in that country.

More Troops Go.

MANILA, March 12.—The Chinese expedition will be increased to the full strength of 1200 men authorized by the War Department when 263 additional men from the 15th infantry, now stationed at Fort McKinley, join the two battalions of that regiment now in China. The new detachment will leave on the transport Sherman on March 15, and will be met at Nagasaki by the Warren, now on her way to Taku with the third battalion of the Fifteenth, which will transport the additional troops to their destination.

Major James Bayless, of the 9th Infantry, has been detached temporarily from that regiment and ordered to report to the commanding officer at Fort McKinley for temporary duty with the Fifteenth, or the purpose of putting the additional detachment of that regiment in shape for duty in China, and to conduct them to Taku. Upon arrival

Ten Million Dollars Damage Done by Mississippi

Rising Waters Drive Scores Onto Trees and Roofs

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, April 8.—At least thirty thousand people are homeless from the steadily rising flood waters of the Mississippi river. Hundreds are held prisoners until aid arrives, in trees and on the roofs of their submerged houses. Hundreds of others are cut off from the high ground, and are frantically building rafts to meet the floods when they come.

Government aid is being rushed here as fast as trains can bring it, and from this city boats are carrying food, clothes and stores to the stricken farmers and their families. North of here in the Reelfoot Lake district the suffering is great, for the weather is cold and the waters of the river like ice. South the conditions are not so bad, as the climate and the lay of the land is aiding the sufferers somewhat.

According to governmental estimates made last night two thousand square miles of country are now under water, much of it from eight to twelve feet below the surface of the flood. The Mississippi is higher than it has ever been in the history of Memphis. The railroad tracks and round houses on the levee below the bluff here are under water, which is still rising. The great flats north of the city have been submerged for several days and the bluff, the city's chief defense against high water, is saving in with great reports and tremendous splashes. Several thousand cubic yards of the bank has already gone, and when the flood subsides it may be necessary to relay the main line of the Illinois Central railroad and other lines. The lowest portions of the city are under water, but the suffering here is comparatively slight.

Word reached here last night that the great levee, to save which several hundred men have been working night and day along the Arkansas bank opposite and south of the city, had given way in three separate places, and the back country as far as Black Lake and Cane Island, fifty miles distant from Memphis, is under water, in some places as deep as twelve feet. Communication with Little Rock and the southeastern part of Arkansas is cut off completely, and it is with difficulty that mails are brought through from such towns as Jonesboro in boats.

Traffic is completely supplanted to the south. From districts in Mississippi comes reports that hundreds of planters are fleeing to the highlands. In some instances, the dispatches announce, whole families have been forced to take to trees, and perched in the branches while the river rages below their feet. In others people have not been able to leave the house and have had to flee to the roofs, while the water invaded their sleeping rooms below.

Rescue parties have been sent out from New Orleans, Natchez, Memphis, Jackson and other cities, which are not suffering so much, to aid these people. It is almost impossible to get a boat down the river. Even the great river steamers are helpless in the swirl of the eddies and whirlpools in the current, filled with swift-moving masses of wreckage. An idea of the size of the flood can be obtained when it is noted that it is now impossible to see the Arkansas shore from the bluff on which Memphis stands.

Official estimates of the damage already done by the floods was set at ten million dollars last night.

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While in San Francisco the Pacific Mail steamer Nile had much work done on board which will give her a far better appearance on this outward trip to the Orient.

At Taku, Major Bayless will report to Lieutenant Colonel Root for duty with the expedition.

No further disquieting rumors have come from China during the past few days, and although the military authorities are not apprehensive of serious trouble, they are running no risk of being caught unprepared for any emergency.

The men necessary to complete the numerical strength in excess of those of the Fifteenth now at McKinley, are drawn from the Ninth infantry. No announcement has yet been made of the officers to accompany the detachment, but it is thought that they also will be drawn from the Ninth infantry.

The company of Marines which has been ordered to China will leave on the flag ship Saratoga on March 20, sailing direct to Taku, where they will disembark for station in Tientsin and Peking. It was reported in Manila yesterday that part of the force on the Rainbow had been landed, but this lacks confirmation.